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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims according to the following particulars. Further, the status of all claims currently pending the in this application are listed.

1. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement including a latch, a manually actuatable element, a release mechanism and a power control means, the latch being operable to ~~releasably retain a striker in use, the release mechanism being capable of being moved by the~~ manually actuatable element from a latched position to an unlatched position wherein it unlatches the latch, the power control means having a first, second and third condition in which;

with the power control means in the first condition the power control means is in a non powered condition and actuation of the manually actuatable element does not cause the release mechanism to unlatch the latch, said power control means remains in said non powered condition during actuation of the manually actuatable element.

with the power control means in the second condition the powered control means is in a powered condition and actuation of the manually actuatable element does not cause the release mechanism to unlatch the latch,

and with the power control means in the third condition the power control means is in a non powered condition and actuation of the manually actuatable element causes the release mechanism to unlatch the latch.

2. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 1 in which a part of the release mechanism is retained in a locked position by the power control means to provide for a lock condition of the latch.

3. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 2 in which said part of the release mechanism is retained by magnetic attraction.

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4. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 2 in which said part of the release mechanism is retained by a pawl.

5. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claims 2 in which said part of the release mechanism is a lock/unlock lever which is retained in ~~the a~~ first position by the power control means to provide for the lock condition and is allowed to move to a second position to provide for the unlocked condition.

6. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claims 2 in which the power control means includes ~~a~~ an electromagnet to retain said part of the release mechanism in the unlocked position.

7. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 6 in which the electromagnet is incapable of moving the said part of the release mechanism from the unlocked to the locked position.

8. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in [any preceding] claim 1 in which the power control means includes a magnetic pawl movable between a locked and unlocked position.

9. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 8 in which the electromagnet is pulsed to move the pawl between the locked and unlocked position.

10. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 8 in which the pawl is pivotally movable and the center of gravity of the pawl is substantially at the axis of the pivot.

11. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 1 in which the release mechanism is designed to return to ~~the a~~ rest position from ~~the a~~ release position upon release of the manually actuatable element.

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12. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 11 in which the release mechanism is biased to the rest position by resilient means.

13. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 12 in which a first resilient means biases the release mechanism to the unlocked position from the released position and a second resilient means biases the release mechanism to the rest position from the unlock position.

14. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 1 in which unlatching of the latch arrangement causes the release mechanism to move to a locked condition

15. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 13 in which the release mechanism can be retained in the locked condition whilst the latch is in its unlatched condition.

16. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 14 in which the release mechanism is retained in the locked condition by putting the power control means into the first condition.

17. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 14 in which the release mechanism is retained in the locked condition by putting the power control means into the second condition.

18. (Original) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 1 in which the latch is further movable between a latched and released position by a powered released actuator.

19. (Currently Amended) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 1 in which the power control means is movable between the locked and unlocked conditions by manual operation of a coded security device such as a key.

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20. (New) A latch arrangement as defined in claim 19 in which said coded security device is a key.